Daniel J. Gibbons, WSBA #33036 The Honorable Benjamin H. Settle 1 Steven J. Dixson, WSBA #38101 WITHERSPOON · KELLEY 2 422 West Riverside Avenue, Suite 1100 3 Spokane, WA 99201-0300 Telephone: (509) 624-5265 4 Facsimile: (509) 458-2728 dig@witherspoonkelley.com 5 sid@witherspoonkelley.com 6 Attorneys for Defendants Bank of America, 7 N.A.; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; and Merscorp Holdings, Inc. 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 11 Case No. 3:17-cv-06064-BHS JEREMY WOLFSON, 12 Plaintiff, 13 **OBJECTION TO MOTION TO CONTINUE DEADLINES** 14 VS. 15 BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL 16 ASSOCIATION, its successors in interest and/or Assigns; MTC FINANCIAL INC. d/b/a 17 TRUSTEE CORPS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS 18 INC; MERSCORP HOLDINGS, INC.; 19 MAROON HOLDING, LLC; INTERCONTINENTAL EXCHANGE, INC.; 20 FIRST MAGNUS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, AN ARIZONA 21 CORPORATION 22 Does # 1-10, inclusive, 23 Defendants 24 Defendants Bank of America, N.A. ("BANA") and Mortgage Electronic Registration 25 26 Systems, Inc. ("MERS" and collectively with BANA the "Defendants") object to the Plaintiff's 27 Verified Motion to Continue Deadlines and Order Thereon (Docket No. 77, the "Motion") for 28 **OBJECTION TO MOTION TO CONTINUE** WK WITHERSPOON · KELLEY DEADLINES - 1 Attorneys & Counselors {S2005267; 1 } 422 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 1100 Phone: 509.624.5265

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the reasons stated below.1

1. There is No Cause for Relief from the Current Scheduling Order.

The Motion seeks to continue all deadlines for 90 days, including extension of the deadline to complete discovery. The Plaintiff propounded discovery on March 30, 2020. The Court's current Scheduling Order provides that discovery must be completed by April 27, 2020. Docket No. 75. Notably, this Scheduling Order arose due to Mr. Wolfson's inability to comply with his own agreement for his deposition to occur on November 19, 2019. Docket No. 73.

Mr. Wolfson argues he needs an extension due to international travel required by his job. This argument is made despite that travel, especially international travel, has virtually ceased due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and that nonessential businesses in the State of Washington have been closed since March 16, 2020. Mr. Wolfson has not filed a declaration or affidavit providing sworn testimony regarding where he has been traveling, when he was traveling, or explaining why he was unable to propound discovery, conduct research or accomplish whatever other actions he believes he needs to take during the 27 months this case has been pending, or why whatever research or actions he wishes to take cannot be accomplished via the Internet. Without such sworn testimony there is no basis to grant any extension and the Motion should be denied.

2. The Plaintiff has a History of Failing to Comply with Deadlines.

Amongst other things, the Motion seeks to continue the deadline to complete discovery by ninety days, and notes that the Plaintiff recently propounded discovery on the Defendants. The discovery was propounded on March 30, 2020. The Plaintiff's discovery was untimely

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¹ For reasons unknown, the Motion appears on the undersigned's pleading paper. To be clear, this is not a joint motion and Mr. Wolfson was informed that the Defendants objected to the relief requested.

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under the Court's current Scheduling Order (Docket No. 75). The Scheduling Order provides that discovery must be completed by April 27, 2020. Notably, this Scheduling Order arose due to Mr. Wolfson's inability to comply with his own agreement for his deposition to occur on November 19, 2019. Docket No. 73.

LCR 7(j) provides that a motion for relief from a deadline should be filed "sufficiently in advance of the deadline to allow the court to rule on the motion prior to the deadline. Parties should not assume that the motion will be granted and must comply with the existing deadline unless the court orders otherwise." Mr. Wolfson has repeatedly violated LCR 7(j) by failing to seek extensions in a timely manner. *See* Docket Nos. 16, 18, 23, 30, 42, 43. The Court has warned Mr. Wolfson that compliance with this deadline is mandatory. The Court's April 3, 2018 Order Granting Plaintiff's Motions and Renoting Defendants' Motions provided "the Court agrees that Wolfson should have filed his motion earlier." Docket No. 21. The Court's August 30, 2018 Order Granting Plaintiff's Motions for Extension of Time to Respond provided "Wolfson is forewarned that it is highly unlikely the Court will grant any additional extension." Docket No. 46. Also, after allowing Mr. Wolfson to amend his complaint once, the Court refused a Mr. Wolfson's second request in the face of motions to dismiss. Docket No. 52.

Despite having more than two years to propound this discovery Mr. Wolfson did not do so until March 30, 2020. There is no basis to provide the Plaintiff more time to do something that should have been months, if not years ago. The Motion should be denied.

3. There is no Discovery Dispute.

The Defendants have produced nearly 2,000 pages of documents. Nonetheless, Mr. Wolfson asserts that the Defendants' discovery responses provided 12 months ago are inadequate. However, he has not provided the Court with any specific reason why the

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discovery responses are inadequate. Mr. Wolfson has not placed the discovery or the
Defendants' responses thereto in the record. There has been no conference between the parties.
There is no certification that any conference has taken place. There is no indication that he had
previously asserted that the Defendants' responses were somehow inadequate. The deadline to
file discovery motions expired on March 30, 2020. Docket No. 75. Furthermore, Mr. Wolfson
has not explained why he did not take any action during the last 12 months to address his
unsubstantiated assertions that the Defendants' discovery responses are inadequate. Rather than
providing a basis for extension of time, Mr. Wolfson's assertions regarding discovery provide a
reason to deny the Motion.
As stated above, this action was filed 27 months ago, and Mr. Wolfson has not prepared
his case. The Motion should be denied.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of April, 2020.

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I hereby certify that on the 8th day of April, 2020,

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